

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 995

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Garden Club of Signal Mountain upon its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize those laudable organizations that are committed to promoting the preservation of nature for both the Tennesseans of today and generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of Signal Mountain (GCSM) celebrated its centennial in 2021 and marked the occasion with the creation of a 100-square art quilt; and

WHEREAS, since 1921, the values of vision, faith, dedication, cooperation, and participation have guided the members of the GCSM as they have worked diligently and lovingly to bring beauty and betterment to the Signal Mountain community; and

WHEREAS, to mark the milestone of 100 years in a special way, Centennial Project Co-Chairs Jean Faircloth and Rhita Eichhorn conceived the idea of making a quilt that would showcase the beauties and bounties of nature on Signal Mountain and serve as a lasting tribute to the notable occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial Quilt Project of the GCSM began in January 2021 as a project to represent people coming together to create something beautiful from disparate bits and pieces through dedicated work; an image of fauna and flora native to Signal Mountain was divided into 100 squares and distributed to the 100 members of the GCSM so that each member could take part in creating the quilt; and

WHEREAS, club members gathered ten times with Ms. Faircloth and Ms. Eichhorn at GCSM President Vanessa Young's home to make the squares for the quilt; after the completion of each square, Mayrelou Stamps, Ms. Young's mother and an expert seamstress, sewed the

squares together, and Rhonda Fulghum, an expert quilter in Hixson, designed and constructed the border to finish the quilt; and

WHEREAS, the quilt was officially unveiled at the GCSM's Christmas Tea/Centennial Celebration at the home of Charlotte Witry; guests included officers of the Tennessee Garden Club, Wanda Taylor, Denise Thorne, Janie Bitner, and GCSM's own Diane Ryder; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope of Jean and Rhita and contributing members that the GCSM Centennial Quilt be displayed at various venues around Signal Mountain, including the Signal Mountain Library, the Mountain Arts Community Center, Bachman Community Center, and McCoy Farm and Gardens; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, GCSM has promoted an interest in the design, management, and culture of gardens; cooperated in the protection of wildflowers, native plants, and trees; studied and protected birds; exchanged experiences; encouraged civic improvement; and enhanced the scenic grandeur and historic interest in Signal Mountain. The Centennial Quilt will enlighten and inspire observers in future years as a permanent tribute to nature's glories and the beautification of Signal Mountain; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the Garden Club of Signal Mountain on their 100th anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.